

RESEARCH TITLE OVERVIEW OF CORE STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS

All conference provisions are as NASULGC proposed, except IFAFS mandatory funding.

1. National Institute for Food and Agriculture (NIFA)
 - a. Replaces CSREES
 - b. Defines “capacity and infrastructure” and “competitive” programs
 - c. Implements not later than October 1, 2009 (beginning of FY 2010)
 - d. Director
 - i. Appointed by President
 - ii. Must be esteemed scientist
 - iii. Reports directly to Secretary or his designee
 - iv. Six-year term
 1. Re-appointment to a second six-year term allowed
 - v. Must regularly consult with and report to Secretary or his designee
 - vi. In charge of all CSREES current authorities as well as those created by act
 - vii. Manage NIFA in coordination with the Under Secretary
 - viii. Charged with implementation of extramural components of “Road Map” created by Under Secretary and
 - ix. Create and organize offices for basic and applied research and extension and education
 - e. Authorizes such sums as necessary for all capacity/infrastructure and competitive programs
 - i. Must allocate funds as called for in Road Map
2. Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (Replacing NRI and IFAFS)
 - a. Combines strengths of both authorities to create “Agriculture and Food Research Initiative”
 - i. 60% of funds for basic research
 - ii. 40% for applied projects
 - iii. Not less than 30% of all funds must be used for integrated research
 - iv. Authorizes appropriations of \$700 million per year for FY 2008 – FY 2012
 - v. Eliminates old NRI and IFAFS authorities and IFAFS mandatory funding
3. Strengthened Under Secretary
 - a. Designated as Chief Scientist for USDA and representative of all research, education, and extension components of the USDA
 - b. Road Map
 - i. Strengthens role of Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics by creating “Road Map” for all missions/agencies under his umbrella and reporting to Congress on Road Map details.
 - ii. Charged with setting the research, education, and extension agenda for the entire USDA

- iii. Requirement that no one, besides Secretary, review or edit Road Map before submission to Congress
 - iv. Road Map emphasis on:
 - 1. Funding
 - a. Competitive programs
 - b. Small 1862, 1890, 1994, and Non-Land Grant Colleges of Agriculture
 - c. Required to consult with stakeholders and NARREE Board
 - d. Creates Research, Education, and Extension Office (REEO) reporting directly to Under Secretary
 - i. Six Divisions
 - 1. Renewable Energy, Natural Resources, and Environment
 - 2. Food Safety, Nutrition, and Health
 - 3. Plant Health and Production and Plant Products
 - 4. Animal Health and Production and Animal Products
 - 5. Agriculture Systems and Technology
 - 6. Agriculture Economics and Rural Communities
 - ii. Under Secretary to appoint Division Chiefs
 - 1. Terms of not more than four years
 - iii. REEO is charged with:
 - 1. Programmatic planning for USDA research, education and extension agencies
 - 2. Elimination of administrative duplication
 - 3. Elimination of programmatic duplication
4. REE Budget Submission
- a. Defines FY 2006 as “Critical Base Funding” year for capacity/infrastructure and competitive programs
 - b. Single budget number representing total REE budget request
 - i. Emphasis on increases, when request is above “Critical Base Funding” for competitive programs and small 1862, 1890, 1994, and Non-Land Grant Colleges of Agriculture
 - ii. Single budget to reflect the amount requested for all research, education and extension functions for the request year and five preceding years
5. New Targeted Funding (all competitive through NIFA)
- a. Organic Agriculture Research and Extension Initiative
 - i. \$78 million total FY 2009 – FY 2012 in mandatory funding
 - ii. \$25 million per year authorized for appropriations FY 2009 – FY2012
 - b. Specialty Crops Research
 - i. \$230 million total FY 2008 – FY 2012 in mandatory funding

- ii. \$100 million per year authorized for appropriations FY 2008 – FY 2012
 - c. Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program
 - i. \$75 million total FY 2009 – FY 2012 in mandatory funding
 - ii. \$30 million per year authorized for appropriations FY 2008 – FY 2012
 - d. Biomass R&D (in Energy Title)
 - i. \$118 million total FY 2008 – FY 2012 in mandatory funding
 - ii. \$35 million per year authorized for appropriations FY 2008 – FY 2012
 - e. Totals
 - i. \$501 million total FY 2008 – FY 2012 in mandatory funding
 - ii. \$190 million per year authorized for appropriations
- 6. AASCARR Authorization
 - a. “Non-Land Grant Colleges of Agriculture Capacity Building Grants” are authorized for such sums as necessary
- 7. New Authorizations for Targeted Efforts
 - a. Agriculture Bio-energy Feedstock and Energy Efficiency Research and Extension Initiative
 - i. \$50 million per year authorized for appropriations FY 2008 – FY2012
 - b. Several other new authorizations